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TAGS: OTRA (AMBASSADOR HARRY G. BARNES, JR.), RO

SUBJECT: BARNES VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: (A) STATE 2314; (B) MOSCOW 94

1. APPRECIATE REFTELS. WE WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE EVENING FEBRUARY 1 (SUNDAY) ON LH 342, SPEND FEBRUARY 2-3 IN MOSCOW, AND DEPART EVENING TRAIN FEBRUARY 3 FOR BUCHAREST VIA KISHINEV OR FIRST TRAIN FEBRUARY 4. DESIRE SPEND ONE DAY IN KISHINEV. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING FORWARD RESERVATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR DESIRES TO DISCUSS WITHIN EMBASSY CURRENT U.S.-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS, CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AS WELL AS POLITICAL ISSUES. HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY ON CALLS OR AT MEALS TO MEET AND TALK WITH WHICHEVER SOVIETS AND ROMANIANS MIGHT ADD TO OUR PERSPECTIVE ON, FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIET-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN CONTEXT OF CEMA, WARSAW PACT, ECPC AND WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, AND POST-CSCE. HOPE OUR VISIT CAN BE USED TO CREATE OCCASIONS WHICH MAY BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY IN THIS OR OTHER REGARDS.

3. AMBASSADOR APPRECIATES LOCAL SENSITIVITIES AND DESIRES ESSENTIALLY TO STICK TO LOW-KEY TOURISM IN KISHINEV. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY MAKING TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOUR OF CITY, ADJACENT AREA, AND POSSIBLY WINE RESEARCH STATION

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(WHICH USED TO BE RUN BY A MOLDAVIAN-ROMANIAN). ANY OTHER

ATTRACTION EMBASSY CAN RECOMMEND WOULD BE WELCOME. TOUR HOPEFULLY COULD BE HEAVY ON HISTORY ASPECT, IF POSSIBLE, SINCE AMBASSADOR WROTE MASTERS THESIS ON SOVIET-ROMANIAN RELATIONS 1917-18 (WITH REFERENCE TO BESSARABIA), AND MODEST CREDENTIALS AS HISTORIAN MIGHT SMOKE OUT INTERLOCUTORS.

4. TO MULTIPLY NUMBER OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS AND CONVERSATIONS DURING MOSCOW VISIT, EMBASSY MAY PROGRAM SOME CALLS OF AMBASSADOR AND MAINLAND SEPARATELY IF MORE USEFUL OR APPROPRIATE. MAINLAND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONVERSING WITH EMBOFFS AND MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE RESIDENT WESTERN NEWSMAN ABOUT SOVIET DISSENT AND NATIONALITIES SCENE, IF APPROPRIATE.
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